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Gut GimritzTo the Central Department of the Ministry of InteriorSubject: Regular Report of the Post and Telegraph Department
Reference: Circular of the Provincial Administration, General
Department, of 31 May 1947 and 24 September 1946.Number of personnel of the department: 59
Table of organization: 59
Supervision of construction in dissolution:

Department Head: Ministerialrat Sabginsky

Referat I: Regierungsrat Pachollek (deputy of the Department
Head, Organization, Administration, Industrial
Trusteeship)Referat II: Regierungsamtman Hohmann (Wire and Wireless
communications, Telegraph Network)Referat III: Regierungsrat Zimmerling (Justiciary, SMA Orders,
Legal Affairs, Material Supplies for Postal and
Radio Industry)Referat IV: Kochmann (Supervision of Construction for Cable
and Amplifier Dismantling in the Province of
Saxony)

1. The personnel situation of the German Post in July 1947 in the
territory of Land Saxony-Anhalt included:

Main Office Employees	8,558
In postal service	5,177
In telegraph and repair service	2,720
In upper directorate of the post	233

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Main Office Workers

In postal service
In telegraph service
In repair service

2,301
906
95

3,302

Subsidiary Office Personnel (in postal service) $\frac{1,859}{13,719}$

These personnel are divided among the following offices, which have not been materially altered from the situation of 31 March 1947:

	31 July 1947	30 June 1947
Post offices	156	157
Branch post offices	164	166
Railroad post offices	2	2
Postal checking offices	1	1
Telephone offices	2	2
Telegraph construction offices	3	3
Telegraph line offices	1	1
Regional repair shops for postal trucks	2	2
Radio transmitter Bernburg	-	1
Postal stations I	544	543
Postal stations II, Land	421	435
Postal stations III, City	6	6
Auxiliary postal stations	738	875
	2,098	2,194

Postal traffic occurred, according to the figures in June 1947, in the territory of Land Saxony-Anhalt in the following amounts:

Simple letters	9,949,000
Registered letters	651,000
Simple postcards	3,010,000
Registered postcards	7,000
Letters with return notices (Rückschein)	2,000
Railroad letters	200
Other letters	75,000
Simple mailing tubes (Banderolen)	1,656,000
Registered mailing tubes	3,029
Insured letters	728
Small packages up to 2 kilos	287,000
Simple packages	305,000
Insured packages	1,000
Regular money orders (over 21,857,000 RM)	172,619
Telegraphic money orders (over 911,000 RM)	1,335
Postal orders for collection of money (over 17,000 RM)	87
Internal telegrams	336,000
Local telephone calls	8,128,000
Long distance telephone calls	964,000
Registered radio receivers	543,540

2. The distribution of materials in the German post office is again far behind the proposed quantities for the third quarter of 1947. For a very little material there was only a hardly noticeable percent of distribution, while no distribution of most of the material occurred. This condition is intolerable for the German post office, since the many new connections ordered by the occupying power not only occasioned great wear and tear on materials but also a large number of offices with telegraph installations had to be housed because of war damages if the telephone network was not to suffer irremediable injuries in the coming winter.

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No exact statistics can be given for the telephone industry to show clearly the dangers of defective distributions. The following examples, however, may be symbolic of how deeply involved, for instance, the transport commerce of the German post office is because of shortage of materials:

Vehicles	30 June 1947	serviceable
Trucks	100	51
Personnel cars	114	45
Province cars	201	108
Omnibuses	179	87
Motorcycles	30	12
Other vehicles	22	14
Electric carts (Karren)	30 June 1947	still operable
Electric cars (Lagen)	34	11
Trailers for cars and trucks	86	30
Bicycles	143	66
	447	141

Thus it happens that on the average about half the vehicles belonging to the post office are out of commission. The shortage is especially noticeable whenever an increase in daily distribution in city and provincial traffic is requested by the occupation power. The omnibus traffic of the German post office has succumbed primarily because here too the defective distribution of gasoline and diesel oil forms a considerable factor. Repeated negotiations and representations to the competent service branch have not, unfortunately, led to an improvement of distribution.

3. In the past two months, significant changes have occurred in the communications of Land Saxony-Anhalt:
 - a. At the order of SMA, a police telegraph network was installed for the exclusive use of the police; this is independent of the telegraph network of Land Saxony-Anhalt and is not to be connected with it.
 - b. At the order of SMA, the telegraph network of Land Saxony-Anhalt was dissolved and annexed to the presidents' telegraph network of the Soviet Occupation Zone. In the course of the annexation, seven stations of the telegraph network of Land Saxony-Anhalt were suspended.
 - c. A special industrial telegraph network is to be installed to connect the firms of the Soviet industry of Land Saxony-Anhalt.
 - d. At the order of SMA, a rearrangement of priority calls took place on 1 May 1947, whereby government urgent and pressing state calls were eliminated.

The department in all these measures has striven with all its force to operate for the good of Land Saxony-Anhalt and has worked energetically to prevent retrenchments. Thus the telegraph network of Land Saxony-Anhalt, which constitutes the only provincial telegraph network in Germany since the capitulation, has been able to remain unaltered.

The number of persons entitled to priorities could not be significantly increased even in repeated negotiations. It will remain the aim of the department in the coming months, however, again to compensate for the present hardships against which at the moment it is impossible to struggle.

4. The expenses of the telegraph network of Land Saxony-Anhalt, by a decree of the Minister of Interior, were newly regulated in agreement with the cabinet from 1 July 1947. Thereby the government assumes all material costs, while communities and counties in which telegraph stations are located have to make up the personal costs.
5. The establishment of a new telegraph center demanded by the removal of the government service station in Halle was accomplished in part, but in part materials lacking for necessary installations (which are, however, available) must be procured, as soon as sufficient tools can be acquired.

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6. The dismantling undertaken by the post office on the Brocken has unfortunately been completely dropped. In previous reports it was related that dismantling had been instituted on the orders of the county Komendatura in Wernigerode, until a written permit from Major Novochenko of SMA could be presented to the county Komendatura in Wernigerode for carrying out the dismantling. This permit was suggested by the German post office but was not issued, so that the dismantling on the Brocken is to be regarded as discontinued.
7. The situation in the dismantling of military objectives ordered by SMA is not much different. The German post office has been charged with carrying out the order. It was urgently recommended by Lt. Col. Tertishni to assign the dismantling to Kochmann, formerly head of cable and amplifier dismantling. The German post office, disregarding this, took over the dismantling of the objectives under its own direction.

It was not begun, however, until the beginning of August. In a letter of 30 July 1947, the post office informs the department that the construction cannot be accomplished, since suitable labor supplies had not been put at its disposal by the government. They did not consider it necessary to state how many persons and in what place would be needed for the construction. At the urgent request of the department that this undertaking was necessary for fulfillment of the demand for support, the undertaking was transferred, with numerous delays.

The work of the coming two months will therefore be directed primarily towards guiding the previously mentioned new organization of communications in Land Saxony-Anhalt along lines which insure the smooth running of communications traffic. There are, however, still difficulties to be overcome.

Provision will be made further that the coming winter causes no disturbance in communications traffic, although many difficulties are to be overcome therein. The experiences of last winter will be of great value.

Deputy

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